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SUBJECT: ALLEGED DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST FOREIGN-FLAG SHIPS

REF.: STATE 185569

1. THIS TELEGRAM IS TO BE CONSIDERED A PRELIMINARY AND NOT CONCLUSIVE
REPLY REFTEL. POST HAS NOT DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GOV, PORT
AUTHORITIES OR MUNICIPALITIES BUT HAS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN
CORROBORATION OF MATTER FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF PRUDENTIAL LINES
AND HAS MADE SOME CAREFUL INQUIRIES WITH VENEZUELAN STEAMSHIP
COMPANIES OTHER THAN CAVN.

2. WHILE THE VENEZUELAN COMPANIES CLAIM THAT ALL CHARGES ARE LEVIED
REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY, PRUDENTIAL STATED THAT VENEZUELAN
SHIPS ARE EXEMPT FROM SOME CHARGES. HOWEVER, THEY REPORT THAT THEY
NEVER PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO THIS FACT SINCE THE CHARGES ARE WHAT
THEY TERM "PEANUT CHARGES" AND NOT WORTH ARGUING ABOUT. PRUDENTIAL
PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO MAKE A DETAILED INVESTIGATION AND TO REPORT
TO EMBASSY. PRUDENTIAL'S AGENT ALSO FELT THAT SOME OF
THE EXEMPTIONS FOR VENEZUELAN SHIPS ARE ESTABLISHED BY A
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL PORT OR MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS AND
DO NOT CONSTITUTE POLICY OF A NATIONAL CHARACTER.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY LEGAL BACKGROUND
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BECAUSE AVAILABLE COMPENDIA DO NOT CONTAIN ALL PERTINENT

REGULATIONS.

4. AS SOON AS THE PRUDENTIAL AGENT PROVIDES MORE DETAILED
DATA, THESE WILL BE REPORTED.
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